

# STEAMBOAT DISASTERS.

Collisions on the Mississippi.

## One Hundred Discharged Colored Soldiers Drowned.

MEMPHIS, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1865.

A collision occurred last night between the Niagara and Post Boy on the Mississippi, seven miles above Helena. The Niagara sunk in 20 feet of water. One hundred deck passengers, mostly discharged colored soldiers, were drowned. The cabin passengers and crew were all saved. The Niagara was valued at \$100,000, and was not insured. She had 200 tons of freight on board. The Post Boy was not injured.

CAIRO, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1865.

The steamer Melnotte from Cincinnati for New Orleans struck a snag at Island No. 69, on the Mississippi, and sustained serious injury. She was obliged to throw her deck load overboard, to prevent sinking.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26, 1865.  
THE PRESIDENT AND MR. COFLAX.

The President had a lengthy conversation on Saturday with Mr. Colfax and Gen. Grant on National affairs. The details have not transpired, yet it is known to have been in the main a full and frank discussion of the arguments for and against speedy reconstruction. This was done in the most friendly temper, and with entire unreserve and personal cordiality. The interview is deemed important, as setting at rest the imputations so freely made by Southern sympathizers that the President had taken offense at Mr. Colfax's recent speech, and that there were to be hostile divisions between the executive and legislative branches. The President has hitherto believed immediate restoration most judicious, while Mr. Colfax prefers delay. Mr. Colfax's faith in his position waxes stronger, while the recent action of the Southerners themselves has done much to undermine the President's previous convictions.

OFFICERS TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

An order is forthcoming mustering out all commissioned officers of volunteers not in command or assigned to active duty, and also ordering similar officers in the Invalid Corps to return to their homes, and report by letter to the Adjutant-General.

ECONOMY OF A COLORED REGIMENT.

The 107th Kentucky Colored Regiment, now garrisoning the fortifications about Washington, were paid off last week. Up to this date \$6,000 has been deposited in the National Freedmen's Savings Bank, by the men of seven companies.

HOW OUR ARMY WAS CONSTITUTED.

During the years 1863 and 1864 there were over 40,000 commissioned officers in our armies, an average of one officer to every 25 men on the rolls.

MUSTERED OUT.

Eight hundred and twenty-two thousand Union soldiers have been mustered out since June.

PERSONAL.

Gen. Butler is seen flying about the War Department and White House in a manner that indicates he has work on hand. Mr. Stanton complies with his eminent legal attainments.

Vice-President Foster is expected to-morrow, He has secured Winter quarters at Willard's.

Capt. James Cromie of the 12th Regiment Veteran Corps has been promoted Major by brevet, his commission to date from the battle of Gaines' Mill, where he was severely wounded and taken prisoner.

ADMISSION OF SOUTHERN MEMBERS TO CONGRESS.

Congressmen are now rapidly filling the city. As views and opinions are interchanged on matters of reconstruction, it seems inevitable that the waiting Southern members will have to sit on the stool of re-pentance for an indefinite season, or at least until after some concurrent action shall have been taken by the two Houses.

GOVERNMENT LANDS SETTLED BY COLORED SOL-  
DIERS.

Large quantities of Government lands are being taken up and settled upon by soldiers discharged from disbanded colored regiments.

REPIFFED.

Both halls of Congress have been elegantly refitted, and desks placed in position in readiness for our erring brethren when they shall have been voted in.

EXCLUSION OF THE COLORED ELEMENT FROM A

VIRGINIA CHURCH—AN AMUSING CASE.

At the recent session of the Methodist Conference in this city, Bishop Simpson sent a colored preacher, the Rev. Mr. Lawson, to Staunton, Va., to preach to the blacks there. He preached one-half day in the Methodist Church Vestry to a black audience.

The next day the white clergymen of Staunton met, & voted that thereafter no colored man should preach in that place, but that once in four weeks one of their number should preach exclusively to the blacks. The black members of the Methodist Church, 300 in number, and paying nearly all the parochial expenses, thereupon receded, leaving the church to its 18 white members, and organized a flourishing church of their own in the spacious room of a carriage manufactory. The Baptist clergymen, seeing the ruin of the Methodist Church, and conscious of the inability of his own white flock to sustain him, immediately sent an offer of his ministry to a colored Baptist clergyman. The offer was accepted, and ever since that day the two most flourishing churches in Staunton are the Black Methodist and White-and-black Baptist.

G. GOVERNMENT USE OF SOUTHERN RAILROADS.

With the war ended in April last Government used and used for military purposes 250 locomotives, 4,600 cars, and 70,000 tons of iron. All the locomotives have now been sold but 22, and there are about 200 cars yet on hand; some have been sold for cash at \$100 each, and some on six months and two years time to Northern railroads. All will be sold before January 1.

During the week ending the 25th inst. naval supplies amounting to \$31,961.29 were settled by the Division of the Fourth Auditor's office.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The receipts from internal revenue on Saturday amounted to \$600,000.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has recently received a communication from several proprietors of soda water fountains, remonstrating against the tax of six per cent levied according to law on all manufacturers of similar beverages. They claim that, as they do not charge their fountains with carbonic acid gas, they are not liable to the tax, and ask that the amount already levied be remitted. The Commissioner has replied in effect, that they cannot be exempt from the specified tax.

THE EXEMPTION BUREAU.

The Redemption Bureau of the Treasury Department last week issued certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$67,180, and mutilated National currency amounting to \$10,150.

NATIONAL BANKS.

Arrived, steamers Florida, Liverpool; Morning Star, from New York. Passed aground on the sandbank. Gen. Meade, Sailed, steamer Gambier, for Liverpool, with 1,700 bales of cotton.

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## TENNESSEE.

**The Assassination of Jefferson—A Negro Burglar Killed—Another Murder by a Colored Man—The Side-Arm Order Rescinded—Cotton.**

NASHVILLE, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1865.

A special court-martial, ordered to try the assassin of Mr. Jefferson, convenes to-morrow morning, with Major-Gen. R. W. Johnson as President.

A negro was shot and killed last night, while attempting to enter the house of Mr. Flowers, on Union-st.

Mr. John House was shot last night on Franklin-pike, one mile from the city, by a negro soldier, and mortally wounded.

Cotton has been excited, but is slightly falling off to-day and the market is quiet; prices ranged from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a bushel, 200 bales; shipments, 246 bales.

Gen. Thomas has rescinded the order previously issued prohibiting citizens from carrying side arms. The river is 18 inches deep on the shoals.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

**Meeting of the Legislature—Continued Ill-  
ness of Gov. Holden—The Senatorship—  
Arrival of the State Agent—The Constitu-  
tutional Amendment.**

RALEIGH, Nov. 26, 1865.

The Legislature meets to-morrow. A large number of members have arrived. Gov. Holden is still confined to his bed from sickness. Dr. Powell, the State Agent at Washington, has arrived with dispatches to the Governor, but they are not yet made public. Messrs. Pool, Roode, Holden, Duck & Co., and others, are spoken of in connection with a Senatorship. It is thought that the Constitutional Amendment will be ratified by the Legislature. Prominent gentlemen who had been to Washington, are not very hopeful as to the future of the State and reconstruction.

## ALABAMA.

**Collision between a United States Judge and the United States Military Authori-  
ties—Judge Busteed Orders the Arrest of  
Gen. Wood—Cause of the Difference—  
Sentence of a Defrauding Treasury  
Agent.**

MONROE, Ala., Friday, Nov. 24, 1865.

S. C. Dexter, Treasury Cotton Agent at Mobile, who had been arrested and held in custody by Gen. Wood, the Military Commander of this Department, for alleged malfeasance in office, sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Busteed, of the United States District Court of Alabama, which writ was served on Gen. Wood and Provoost-Marshal Brooks.

The military authorities declined to obey this writ, claiming that a Military Commission had been convened for the trial of Dexter, and that they would proceed with the trial and not permit of any outside interference.

Judge Busteed, upon this, ordered the discharge of Dexter from custody; that General Wood should have no longer any control over said Dexter; that the body of Dexter be produced in Court, in order that he might be called to answer any complaint made against him, and that General Wood be ordered to appear at ten o'clock to-day to show cause why he shall not be proceeded against, as the law directs, for contempt of court.

## SECOND DISPATCH.

MOBILE, Friday, Nov. 24—  
On the opening of the United States District Court yesterday, Mr. Andrews, counsel for Dexter, read a certificate from the Sheriff of Mobile, showing personal service of the order of Judge Busteed upon Gen. Wood, requiring him to show cause why he should not be proceeded against for contempt of court.

Thereupon Judge Busteed ordered that a proclamation be made for the arrest of Gen. Wood.

Gen. Wood still not appearing, counsel moved for an attachment directed to the United States Marshal against him.

Judge Busteed granted the motion for the attachment, and expressed his regret at the course the military authorities had elected to pursue, and disclaiming all personal feeling, he declared his purpose to maintain the authority and dignity of the United States District Court.

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Gen. Wood, however, did not appear, and the writ of attachment was returned to the Clerk of the Court.

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## CALIFORNIA.

**Obituary—The Ruin—Russian American Telegraph—Commercial Intelligence—Sale of a Steamer.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1865.

Gen. Prince de Russy, of the corps of Engineers, died in this city to-day, aged 75 years.

At a closing up shower last night the storm abated, and to-day throughout the State the weather is clear and pleasant.

The recent thorough dredging of the agricultural lands leaves a large planting of grain, and probably an abundant yield next season.

Thirty-four miles of submarine telegraph cable are going on shipboard, to be laid across the Straits of Foca.

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**A Telegraphic Feature—Direct Communi-  
cation Between New-York and New-  
Orleans.**

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 26, 1865.

**The Memphis Bulletin** of to-day says: Last night, for the first in nearly 10 years, telegraphic communication was held between New-York and New Orleans. The first message transmitted from New-York to New Orleans was as follows: "Westerly clear and pleasant. Time, 5:35. The answer returned was: "Good. We are here." The message was sent to the Western Telegraph Office.

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